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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Friddle <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit:	1646
Application No.:	09/916,122	Examiner:	J. Ulm
Filed:	07/26/2001	Atty. Docket No.:	LEX-0206-USA
Title: Novel Human 7TM Protein and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same			

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED OCTOBER 1, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on October 1, 2002 (Paper No. 6), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendment and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the rejections in Paper No. 6 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of two months to and including March 1, 2003, which falls on a Saturday, and is therefore extended until Monday, March 3, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

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